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## Pennsylvania's Vegetable Production

HARRISBURG, PA, September 14, 2010 --- Contracted production for **Pennsylvania** snap beans in 2010 is estimated at 26,160 tons, compared to 27,660 tons contracted in 2009. Area contracted for harvest is estimated at 10,900 acres, up from 7,000 harvested contract acres in 2009. Expected yield is 2.40 tons per acre, down from last year's yield of 3.95 tons per acre.

Contracted production for Pennsylvania sweet corn and tomatoes for processing is no longer published in order to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Contracted production of snap beans in the **United States** is forecast at 736,680 tons, down 6 percent from last year. Contracted harvested area is down 1 percent, and yield is down 0.19 ton per acre. In Michigan, insect and disease problems have been reported in some fields due to hot and humid weather. In Illinois, excessive rainfall across the state negatively impacted yields. In Indiana, heavy rainfall during the planting season delayed field preparation. In Minnesota, snap beans are reported to be in good condition due to warm temperatures and plenty of rainfall. Pennsylvania growers experienced very hot and dry weather during the growing season. In Wisconsin, snap beans are progressing at a slow pace due to heavy rainfall during June and July.

Contracted production of sweet corn production in the **United States** is forecast at 2.73 million tons, down 16 percent from last year. A decline of 10 percent in contracted harvested area is accompanied by a decline in yield of 0.49 ton per acre from 2009. Oregon's sweet corn crop was delayed due to cool and wet spring conditions. In Wisconsin, harvest was delayed due to standing water in the fields.

Contracted tomato production in the **United States** is forecast at 12.8 million tons, down 7 percent from last year. A decline of 12 percent in the contracted harvested area is accompanied by a yield increase of 2.20 tons per acre. In California, the season got off to a slow start due to cool temperatures and wet conditions. In Ohio, harvest was 7 percent complete by mid-August. In Michigan, the tomato crop looks good and is reported to be growing at a fast pace, however, reports of early blight slowed crop progress. Indiana's processing tomatoes are reported to be in good condition despite heavy rainfall during the planting season.

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